

SENATE BILL 1587

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8 and Title 9, Chapter 4, Part 51, relative to voluntary separation plans.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9, Chapter 4, Part 51, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

9-4-5117.

(a) Every voluntary separation plan offered by the state, a department or an agency of the state, or an institution of public higher education shall give credit for state service served by an employee covered under the plan. Such service shall include the number of years of service in any branch of state government as a general state employee and the number of years of service in state public higher education; provided that, no service shall be counted more than one (1) time in establishing the total number of years of service.

(b)

(1) The department of finance and administration shall review any voluntary separation for compliance with this section.

(2) The department is encouraged to review the state voluntary separation plan authorized by Section 60, Chapter 1203 of the Public Acts of 2008, and any plans offered by any other department, agency or institution of public higher education after July 1, 2008, to determine if such plans were made in a manner consistent with subsection (a). The

department shall report the total amount not awarded under each plan for plans offered in a manner inconsistent with subsection (a).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.